



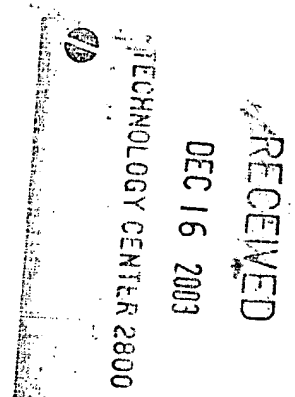
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Oscar L. AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 2876
Application No.: 09/651,323) Examiner: Ahshik KIM
Filed: August 31, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS)
FOR IDENTIFYING A MAILPIECE)
USING AN IDENTIFICATION)
CODE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:



AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, the period for response having been extended to December 9, 2003 by a request for extension of 2 months' time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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